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“The work of L-3 Communications is important to our national security, and plays a vital role in bolstering Waco's economy. At a time when the national economy is struggling, the P-3 contract for L-3 means increased economic development and quality jobs in Central Texas,” said Edwards.

L-3 Waco's work on the Navy's P-3C Orion aircraft is critical to maintaining the operational capability and safety of the aircraft. Over 300 local employees repair or replace critical parts primarily in the wing and tail assembly area, which allows the P-3C to fulfill critical Navy surveillance missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“L-3 has a proven track record of success when it comes to developing critical military systems that help protect the homeland and strengthen our national defense. As Waco's largest private employer, this significant investment by the Navy reflects both the importance of the P-3 mission as well as quality of work performed by L-3 Waco employees,” said Edwards.

Edwards recently participated in a groundbreaking for a new hangar at L-3 that will help the company expand its Waco operations.